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1. Up to the summer of 1948, the headquarters of an unidentified army corps was located in the former revenue office on former Hindenburgstrasse which extends from the railroad station to the castle of Chernyakovsk (54°36'N/21°50'E). Source knew Major General Grigoriyan (fnu), who was referred to as assistant corps commander and was allegedly transferred to Shaulyai (55°55'N/23°15'E) in the summer of 1948, and Lieutenant Colonel Krasikov (phonetic spelling) (fnu) the corps physician, who attended weekly meetings at an unidentified headquarters which was located at Kaliningrad (54°11'N/38°07'E) in a castle-like building surrounded by a park.

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2. [REDACTED] officers saying that the 16th and 30th Divisions in Chernyakovsk were subordinate to the corps but could not remember the type of the divisions.
3. The 16th Div was located in a large barracks installation in the northern sector of Chernyakovsk north of the road bridge to the north of the castle. The barracks installation seemed to be occupied beyond capacity.
4. A tank component of the 30th Div was quartered in a barracks installation on the north side of the road to Gusev which follows the Angerapp River to the south. The tanks of the unit had T-34 type tracks and suspensions, a wedge-shaped nose, and a turret with long gun barrel mounted on the forward portion of the chassis. In addition, there were some tanks mounting a short-barreled gun. In the summer of 1947, the tank unit stayed in a camp in the woods north of the Chernyakovsk - Gusev road. The camp contained numerous low wooden barracks buildings which were well-camouflaged and situated on both sides of an approach road. Taking [REDACTED] source gained the impression that the entire division was located there.

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5. Another barracks installation at Chernyakovsk, which was located also on the north side of the road to Gusev near a water tower, about 500 meters west of the installation quartering tank troops, was heavily occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black opaulets. A motorized light artillery unit was seen moving into the billeting area.
6. A four-story building with adjoining sheds and garages, which was located opposite the barracks installation quartering tank troops on the south side of the road to Gusev and just southwest of a road bridge across the railroad line on the western perimeter of the city, was occupied by a motorcycle unit. Motorcycles with and without sidecars were repeatedly observed lined up in the yard of the installation. Some small armored vehicles were also observed with the unit when it left for training. The personnel of the unit were armed with sub-machine guns only. * **
7. In 1947, source came to a camp in the woods about 20 km north of Chernyakovsk which also contained numerous low wooden barracks buildings and seemed to be capable of billeting a whole division. No tanks or artillery pieces were noticed in this camp. Another camp of similar type was located in the woods about 10 km south of Gusev. Artillery pieces but no tanks were observed there.

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It is fairly definitely believed that a corps headquarters and the 16th and 30th Divs, probably the 16th Gds Rife Div and the 30th Gds Mecz Div, are stationed in Chernyakovsk. As the 16th Gds Rifle Div was subordinate to the XXXVI Gds Rifle Corps of the Eleventh Gds Army at the end of the war and employed in the Kaliningrad area, it is possible that the 16th Gds Rife Div was still assigned to this corps headquarters in Chernyakovsk in the fall of 1948. The 30th Gds Mecz Div may have been formed from the 8th Gds Airborne Div, one of whose wartime regiments [REDACTED] was located in Chernyakovsk in September 1949 on the basis of a letter [REDACTED]. As the 16th Gds Rifle Div was subordinate to the Eleventh Gds Army during the war, it is believed that this army headquarters is not located in Riga, as has been assumed to date, but in Kaliningrad because the corps physician attended weekly conferences at a headquarters in Kaliningrad. The multitude of divisions which, besides the two aforementioned divisions, has been determined in the Baltic MD [REDACTED] indicates the heavy probability that there is a second army headquarters in the Baltic MD, probably in the Riga-Shaulyai area. The reassignment of Major General G.A. Grigoriyan to Shaulyai in the summer of 1948 indicates the possibility that a high echelon command headquarters is located there.

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* **Comment:** Chernyakovsk was formerly known as Insterburg.

** **Comment:** Gumbinnen has been renamed Gusev.

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